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SUBJ: STATUS REPORT ON NORWEGIAN LOS CONSIDERATIONS

1. NORWAY ENVISAGES AN EXTREMELY BUSY FALL IN LOS MATTERS WITH LOS MINISTER EVENSEN THE MAN IN MOTION AS EVIDENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO RESPOND TO DOMESTIC PRESSURE FOR EARLY EXTENSION OF FISHING LIMITS. EVENSEN'S PRESENT SCHEDULE IS:

OCTOBER 16 - MEXICO CITY
OCTOBER 17 - NEW YORK CITY
OCTOBER 18-22 - OSLO
OCTOBER 23-24 - LONDON
OCTOBER 25-NOV 6 - OSLO
NOV 6-17 - PARIS, BONN, THE HAGUE, BRUSSELS
NOV 17-18 - BERLIN (GDR)
NOV 19-20 - WARSAW
NOV 20-24 - OSLO
NOV 24-30 - NORDIC CAPITALS
DEC 1-2 - EVENSEN GROUP, NEW YORK CITY

2. IN ADDITION, NORWAY HAS ASKED SOVIET MINISTER OF FISHERIES TO VISIT OSLO FROM OCTOBER 27 TO 31 FOR FISHERIES TALKS AND FIRST MEETING OF NORWEGIAN/SOVIET FISHING COMMISSION. EVENSEN WILL ALSO DISCUSS LOS MATTERS DURING VISIT. HELGE VINDENES OF EVENSEN'S OFFICE WILL ALSO LEAD NORWEGIAN TEAM TO NEGOTIATE FISHERIES AGREEMENTS WITH CANADA AND ICELAND.

3. NORWEGIAN CABINET HAS DECIDED THAT NORWAY SHOULD BEGIN NOW NEGOTIATION OF 200-MILE FISHING LIMITS. A 50-MILE FISHING LIMIT IN NORTHERN NORWAY BY THE END OF 1975 AS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED BY THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE DROPPED EXCEPT AS FALL BACK POSITION. THE 200-MILE LIMIT WILL BE SOUGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ITS INTRODUCTION WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL TWO MORE SESSIONS OF THE LOS CONFERENCES ARE HELD. IN THE INTERIM EVENSEN WILL ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE A FISHING REGIME FOR THE 200-MILE ZONE WHICH CAN BE PUT IN PLACE QUICKLY. NORWAY IS FLEXIBLE ON THE NATURE OF THIS REGIME, ALTHOUGH IT IS PLANNED TO PHASE OUT MOST NON-RECIPROCAL FOREIGN FISHING IN THE NORWEGIAN ZONE OVER TIME AND NORWAY IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHING EXCLUSIVE NORWEGIAN FISHING ZONES WITHIN THE

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200-MILE LIMIT DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

4. THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO BRIEF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENT ON CABINET DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT HAS NOT DECIDED HOW THE MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED IN PARLIAMENT. COMPLICATING FACTOR IS POSSIBILITY OF CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT AFTER BRATTELI RESIGNS IN EARLY 1976.

5. BASIC PURPOSE OF EVENSEN FALL TRAVELS IS TO CONSULT PRINCIPLE AFFECTED COUNTRIES ON REGIME FOR A 200-MILE NORWEGIAN FISHING LIMIT. TALKS IN MEXICO WILL CARRY FORWARD EVENSEN'S WISH TO COORDINATE A NORTH ATLANTIC REGIME WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEY PLAN TO MOVE TO 200-MILE FISHING LIMITS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. (SIMILAR TALKS WERE HELD IN JUNE WITH CANADA AND THE U.S.).

6. VINDENES, WHO WILL ACCOMPANY EVENSEN TO MEXICO CITY, WILL PROCEED TO OTTAWA FROM NEW YORK IN ORDER TO PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON A NORWEGIAN/CANADIAN FISHING AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH NEITHER COUNTRY FISHES MUCH IN THE OTHER'S WATERS, EVENSEN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, ARNE TREHOLT, SAYS CANADA HAS SOUGHT THE AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY. FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF A CANADIAN DELEGATION TO OSLO IN SEPTEMBER, CANADA AND NORWAY STATED THEIR SUPPORT FOR NEAFC AND ICNAF CONSERVATION MEASURES PREPARATORY TO EXTENSION TO 200-MILE FISHING LIMITS AND THE DESIRABILITY OF COORDINATING AND HARMONIZING THEIR ACTIONS IN EXTENDING THEIR FISHERIES JURISDICTION. TREHOLT UNDERSTANDS THAT CANADA HAS CONCLUDED AGREEMENTS WITH PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND THE USSR. TREHOLT WAS NOT CLEAR WHY CANADA WISHES A FISHING AGREEMENT WITH NORWAY BUT SAID THAT NORWAY WAS WILLING TO ACCEDE AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO COORDINATE A NORTH ATLANTIC FISHING REGIME.

7. TREHOLT SAID THAT GROWING OPPOSITION IN ICELAND TO ANY FOREIGN FISHING INSIDE 50-MILE LIMIT WAS LIKELY TO MAKE CONCLUSION OF A NORWEGIAN/ICELANDIC FISHING AGREEMENT MORE DIFFICULT, ALTHOUGH NORWAY EXPECTED TO BE TREATED AS A SPECIAL CASE AND THERE WAS SOME ICELANDIC FISHING IN NORWEGIAN WATERS. POLITICAL SITUATION ALSO MADE DIFFICULT NORWAY'S EFFORTS TO CONVINCE ICELANDERS TO TAKE A CONFIDENTIAL

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MODERATE POSITION ON BRITISH AND GERMAN FISHING WITHIN 50-MILE ZONE AND WAS SOURCE OF CONCERN THAT ICELANDERS WOULD PRESS ASSERTION THAT JAN MAYEN WAS VIRTUALLY UNINHABITED AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED IN DRAWING ICELAND'S 200-MILE LIMIT. ACCEPTANCE OF THIS POSITION WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR NORWAY IN ITS BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE USSR.
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